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INCREASE IN RICE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UNO in its first forecast for the year 2008 has indicated an increase in the world production of rice by1.8 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the estimates made for India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UNO expects world production of paddy to increase by 1.8 percent in 2008, assuming normal weather conditions. The expected increase in paddy production is mainly attributable to increase in its production in countries indicated in the table below:

Country	Paddy Production (Million Tonnes)		Increase (%)
	2007 (Estimated)	2008 (Forecast)	
Bangladesh	40.7	42.5	4.4
China	185.5	188.5	1.6
India	141.1	142.5	1.0
Indonesia	57.1	58.3	2.1
Myanmar	31.5	32.0	1.6
Philippines	16.7	17.5	4.8
Brazil	11.3	12.1	7.1
World	649.7	661.3	1.8

(c): As per the FAO, the production of paddy in India is estimated at 142.5 million tonnes in 2008-09, which is 1.4 million tonnes higher than the production of 141.1 million tonnes during 2007-08.